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Following the discussions held during the 3rd TDAG WG-RDTP based on [document 20](https://www.itu.int/md/D18-TDAG27.RDTP-C-0020/en) entitled, **Proposal for WTDC-21 Thematic Priorities**, comments and suggestions arising from that meeting’s discussions have resulted in the changes presented in red below. This document is presented to the 4th TDAG-WG-RDTP for further consideration.

1. **Connectivity:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the deployment of modern, available, secure, accessible, and affordable broadband telecommunication/ICT infrastructure. This Thematic Priority would seek to foster the development of infrastructure and services by utilizing new and emerging digital technologies, including building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICT. The following topics can be considered as supporting components of this Thematic Priority: ***Deployment of Future Networks, Resilient and Safe Digital Infrastructure*** *(*including EMF-related issues, availability, and reliability)**, *Cybersecurity****,* ***Connectivity in the Era of Pandemics***, and ***Emergency Telecommunications.***
2. **Digital Transformation:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the development and use of telecommunications/ICTs and applications and services to close the Digital Divides and empower people and societies for sustainable development. This is of critical importance as societies adapt to the changes that are needed to reengineer as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. In doing so, there is need to recognize the important role that women and youth can play in making the digital society a reality. The following topics can be considered as supporting components of this Thematic Priority: ***Digital Services and Applications*** *(health, education, agriculture, OTTs, etc)*, ***Digital Economy*** (e-commerce, new business models, job market re-engineering, trade and investment), ***Digital Innovation Ecosystems,*** and ***Environment*** *(climate change, and e-waste).*
3. **Enabling Environment:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on fostering an enabling policy and regulatory environment conducive to sustainable telecommunication/ICT development. This Thematic Priority comprises key enablers that underpin ITU’s work to deliver on the Connectivity and Digital Society priorities. The following topics can be considered as supporting components of this Thematic Priority:***Data and Market Analysis*** *(*statistics*),* ***Policy and Regulation****,* ***Digital Inclusion*** (gender issues, persons with disabilities and specific needs, financial inclusion, youth, and indigenous people), ***Capacity and Skills Development,*** and ***WSIS and Internet Related Issues.***
4. **Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on mobilizing and attracting resources and fostering international cooperation on telecommunication/ICT development issues. This Thematic Priority is also cross cutting by providing the resources and fostering international cooperation to deliver the relevant global outcomes. The needs of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS should be prioritized and given due attention.The following topics can be considered as the supporting components of this Thematic Priority: ***Projects, Partnerships, Mainstreaming the Needs of LDCS, LLDCs, and SIDS, Membership Engagement for Better Impact,*** and ***ITU-D Study Groups***.

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